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Dear Mr. LaFrance:

As you may know, Massachusetts Governor Patrick's administration is working to dramatically reduce building energy use and greenhouse gas emissions across the Commonwealth. Through legislative and regulatory initiatives and financial incentives, we at the Department of Energy Resources now have many of the tools necessary to create *a Greener Energy Future for the Commonwealth*.

However, we know that Massachusetts cannot do it alone and, as a result, strongly supports the energy research, policy development and economic incentives at the U.S. Department of Energy. We are particularly excited by the Department's R-5 Windows and the Low-e Storm Windows Volume Purchase initiative as we recognize that addressing building envelopes in both the residential and commercial sectors is a critical component in bringing down energy use in our homes and businesses and ultimately getting to zero energy buildings.

Through the Volume Purchase initiative, which we expect to publicize and promote, DOE will hopefully start the market transformation strategy that will bring down the cost of these products and enable home and building owners and operators to take advantage of the significant energy benefits that an R-5 window provides. We applaud your efforts to bring down the cost and make these windows widely available and look forward the working with you and others to move our efficiency efforts forward here in Massachusetts and across the country.

Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any more assistance in this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Phil Giudice, Commissioner

